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Exports of Fruits

3227. SHRI AYYANNA PATRUDU:
SHRI N. RAMAKRISHNA REDDY:
SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO:
SHRI ANANTH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantity of fruits including mango exported with its percentage and the foreign exchange earned therefrom to European and Middle East countries, during each of the last three years, country-wise;

(b) whether problems of mango farmers and exporters of Andhra Pradesh have been studied recently by the Agricultural and processed Food Products Export Development Authority;

(c) if so, the details of recommendations made by the study groups; and

(d) the measures proposed to be taken to redress the grievances of fruits particularly mango growers and exporters ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) The quantity and value of fruits including mangoes exported during the last three years are as follows:-

Qty: In MTs.
Value : Rs. in Crores

		1993-94		1994-95		1995-96	
		Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value
1.	**European Countries**						
(i)	Fruits including mangoes	7291	14.81	12379	30.76	14745	40.45
(ii)	Mangoes	1526	4.03	1604	3.43	1685	4.22
(iii)	percentage of exports of mangoes to fruits.	20.9%	21.3%	12.9%	11.1%	11.4%	10.4%
2.	**Middle East Countries**						
(i)	Fruits including mangoes	46863	74.82	38767	65.02	39787	61.73
(ii)	Mangoes	18346	36.37	17685	35.16	18090	29.96
(iii)	percentage of exports of mangoes to fruits	39.1%	48.69%	45.6%	54.1%	45.4%	48.5%

(Source DGCI&S, Calcutta & APEDA)

Country-wise details are available in the Annual Number of the Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India published by the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, copies of which are supplied to the Parliament Library.

(b) The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has not so far studied the problems of mango farmers and exporters of Andhra Pradesh.

(c) Does not arise; and

(d) Some of the measures adopted to overcome the problems of exporters of fruits (including mangoes) are:-

(i) Supply of quality planting material and training of farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on integrated development of tropical, temperate and arid zone fruits;

(ii) Provision of soft loans for setting up of grading/processing centres, auction platforms, ripening/curing chambers and quality testing equipment;

(iii) Providing financial assistance to exporters/growers/Cooperative Societies for development of infrastructual facilities such as purchase of specialised transport units, establishment of pre-cooling/cold storage facilities;

(iv) Grant of financial assistance for improved packaging and strengthening of quality control;

(v) Establishment of vapour heat treatment facilities for improving the acceptability of the product especially the mangoes in overseas markets.

(vi) Grant of Air Freight Subsidy for exports of selected fresh fruits including fresh mangoes of all varieties other than alphonso.

(vii) Arranging promotional campaigns in the potential markets overseas and participation in important international fairs and exhibitions.

Supply of Coal

3228. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the names of ancilliary units of Coal India Ltd. (CIL) which met the requirement of coal of Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years alongwith the details of coal received from each ancilliary unit;

(b) whether any complaints have been received from the above plant about the quality of the coal during the above period;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of deductions made in the bills of each coal company on account of supply of coal of poor quality during each of the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) Bokaro Steel Plant received coal from Central Coalfields Ltd (CCL), Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Northern Eastern Coalfields (NEC). Company-wise details of coal despatches to Bokaro Steel Plant during each of the last three years were as follows:-

(In '000 tonnes)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CCL	990.70	751.10	870.70
BCCL	2240.00	2123.00	2278.00
NEC	43.00	32.43	65.45

(b) and (c) Quality of coal despatched to Steel Plants including Bokaro Steel Plants was being determined jointly both at loading points as well as at Steel Plants ends. Complaints relating to quality of coal despatches are also raised/discussed in the monthly allocation meeting and corrective steps taken to improve quality of coal despatches.

(d) The price of coal supplied to Steel Plants is related to the quality in terms of ash percentage and accordingly adjustment of price is made. The year-wise deductions made by Bokaro Steel Plant from the bills are given below:-

(Rs.in lakh)

	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
CCL	726.01	299.98	1052.05
BCCL	869.92	532.66	355.64
NEC	NIL	NIL	NIL

[Translation]

Export of Iron Ore

3229. SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI:
JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA:
SHRI AMAR PAL SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether iron ore is being exported from the country;

(b) if so, the average quantum of iron ore exported during each of the last three years;

(c) the estimated quantity of iron ore reserves in the country; and

(d) the average consumption of iron ore in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The quantity of iron ore exported during the last three years is given below:-

Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)
1994-95	260.48
1995-96	304.00
1996-97 (April-Dec.)	190.81

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(c) Recoverable reserves of iron ore (which includes proved, probable and possible reserves) as on 1.4.1990 are 12744 million tonnes.

Source: IBM, Nagpur

(d) The domestic consumption of iron ore during the last three years is as under:

Year	Quantity (in million tonnes)
1994-95	33.4
1995-96	36.2
1996-97 (April-Nov.)	24.6

Source : IBM, Nagpur

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Small Farmer Development Bank

3230. SHRI SARAT PATTANAYAK: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Small Farmers Development Bank in the country to take